(c) whether the performance of those PSEs, that were offered revived schemes, had improved; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) During the last three years *i.e.* 1997, 1998 & 1999 (upto June), according to information available, nine CPSUs were registered with BIFR.

(b) to (d) In all over the years 67 CPSUs were registered with BIFR up to 30.06.99 out of which revival schemes were approved in respect of 23 CPSUs. Revival schemes for six CPSUs were approved during the last three years and are at different stages of implementation. Four of these six CPSUs for which revival schemes were approved have earned profit during 1998-99.

Closing of Wagon India (Ltd.)

1897. SHRI V.N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to wind up Wagon India (Ltd.);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and as to why at present there is no CMD of Wagon India (Ltd.); and

(c) whether the Railway Ministry has opposed the move to close Wagon India (Ltd.)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Railways visualizes a limited aidant role for Wagon India Limited (WIL). Government is examining the utility of WIL taking into account the views of the Railway Ministry as well as the tender procedures since adopted by the Railways for procurement of wagons. Interim incharge arrangements have therefore been made in respect of CMD.

Purchase Preference for PSEs

1898. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the extent orders of Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) the Central Government Ministries/Departments were

required to give purchase preference to the Public Sector Enterprises while placing supply orders or awarding contracts;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years;

(c) how many Ministries/Departments did not adhere to the DPE's order and due to this how many PSUs become sick; and

(d) what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Demands of Public Sector Employees

1899. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the specific demands of the public sector employees who plan to go on strike in case their demands are not met; and

(b) what are the details of the efforts made so far to avoid the strike by the employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) The chief concern of the public sector employees relate to the policy of Government in regard to privatisation and disinvestment, closure of sick PSUs, non payment of wages, guidelines regarding periodicity of wage revision, trade union rights and labour laws. Government have constituted a Group of Ministers (GOM) to examine and recommend upon relevant issues.

Programme on DD-5 Tamil TV Channel

1900. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to made DD-5 (Podhigai TV) Tamil Channel 24 hours service;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a lot of response to this channel and commercials are giving good revenue to Doordarshan; and